

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the September 8, 2004 Examiner's Amendment that accompanied the Notice of Allowance. Applicants thank the Examiner for his suggestions and consideration during the prosecution of this case. Claims 84-90 are now pending in this application, and will be renumbered as claims 1-7 upon issuance of a patent from this application.

As provided herein, claim 84 has been amended to correct inadvertent grammatical errors and thereby clarify the subject matter to which Applicants are entitled. Applicants submit that these amendments are supported by the specification as filed and that no new matter has been added to the claims. Applicants request entry of these amendments.

Interview Summary

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Shiao for the courtesy extended during the August 30, 2004 telephonic interview. The Examiner called Applicants' attorney Robin A. Chadwick to suggest amendments of the claims and to notify Applicants that the claims would be allowable upon entry of the amendments. The amendments were discussed. Applicants' attorney agreed that the proposed amendments would likely be acceptable to Applicants. Examiner Shiao agreed that an Examiner's Amendment would be issued with a Notice of Allowance. Examiner Shiao also stated that if Applicants wished to make minor changes to the claim language he would consider an amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

This account is believed to be a complete and accurate summary of the interview as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.133. If the Examiner believes that this summary is inaccurate or incomplete, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner point out any deficiencies in his next communication so that Applicants can amend or supplement the interview summary.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312 AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims are grammatical. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants's attorney at (516) 795-6820 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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